

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Announcements

On **February 24, 2004**, The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will host the audio conference **"Alcohol Advertising: Is What You See, What You Get?"** Access information and register at: <http://www.udetc.org/Events-AudioConferences.htm>.

"MassCALL 2004 Training Series" (www.masscall.org). MassCALL (Massachusetts Collaborative for Action, Leadership, and Learning) is a four-year effort funded by the U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. MassCALL supports communities that implement proven, scientifically evaluated programs to reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs among youth.

Youth Adult Collaboration: Integrating Youth Development into Your Work will be held on Wednesday, **Feb 25, 2004**, 9:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Worcester, Massachusetts. Presenter: Laurie Jo Wallace, Director, Youth Development & Training, The Medical Foundation.

Enhanced Coalition Building will be held on March 2 and 3, 2004, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. each day at the Holiday Inn, Worcester, Massachusetts. Presenters: Susan Downey and Steve Ridini, the Medical Foundation.

The registration fee is \$15 and scholarships are available. To register contact Akosua Sackey at 617-423-4337 extension 500 or asackey@tmfnet.org.

The Seventh Annual International Crime Mapping Research Conference will be held **March 31-April 3, 2004**, at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers in Boston, Massachusetts. Pre-conference training sessions will be held March 29-30, 2004. Online registration is available at <http://www.nijpcs.org/upcoming.htm>. The registration fee is \$150 before February 27, 2004, or \$175 after that date. For additional information, please contact the Institute for Law and Justice at nijpcs@ilj.org or 703-684-5300.

Rave/Club Drugs Awareness Seminar The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance is offering a **Rave/Club Drugs Awareness Seminar** at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place, One Monarch Place, Springfield, Massachusetts on **April 26, 2004**, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (check-in 8:00-8:30). The one-day class is designed for law enforcement officers and addresses the various club drugs, including symptoms of their use, and their relationship to the rave scene. This awareness seminar also provides valuable information to officers on strategies for regulating rave events and for conducting drug enforcement operations at raves. There is no registration fee. You may register online at <http://registration.iir.com/clubdrugs.htm>. If you have additional questions please call (800) 446-0912.

The **National Center for Victims of Crime** will convene its first national conference, which has as its theme "Forging Alliances Building Leadership," in Washington, DC, **June 20-22, 2004**. Coinciding with the National Center's 20th anniversary, this conference will feature:

- Nationally recognized speakers on a wide range of cutting-edge issues;
- Hands-on workshops to sharpen your skills;
- Networking opportunities with victim service providers and allied professionals from across the country;
- Scheduled meetings with your Congressional representatives; and
- No-cost exhibit opportunities.

For additional information regarding "Call for Presenters," "Exhibit Applications," and conference registration information please go to www.ncvc.org.

“Performance Measurements for JABG Program” The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is pleased to announce that the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has developed a system to measure effectiveness of the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program. This system is comprised of a list of 289 carefully defined performance indicators organized around the 16 JABG program purpose areas. The new measurements will help grant recipients demonstrate the vast successes of their projects and also will highlight opportunities for program revisions and fine tuning to achieve better outcomes for children and their families.

OJJDP is currently developing a web-based automated tool for collecting data submitted at all levels and aggregating it at an overall JABG program level. The first reporting period is October 1, 2003, through March 31, 2004. The initial state-level data are due to OJJDP by June 30, 2004. Future reports will be for a one-year period, April 1 to March 31. To obtain more information about the Performance Measurements reporting instructions and an information packet, visit the JABG Technical Support Center located at <http://www.jrsa.org/jabg/index.html>.

Funding Opportunities

To date, 500 local police agencies, district attorneys' offices, sheriffs' departments, state agency representatives and private sector employees receive the EOPS Programs Division Newsletter. In an effort to provide timely and relevant funding information for the multitude of subscribers, the Funding Opportunities section has been expanded and is attached to the newsletter. If you have problems opening the attachment, please e-mail Patricia Bergin at patricia.bergin@state.ma.us.

Research and Statistics

“Explanations for the Decline in Child Sexual Abuse Cases” The number of sexual abuse cases substantiated by child protective service (CPS) agencies dropped 40% between 1992 and 2000. Some explanations include evidence from a number of different sources, including the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) data showing a 56% decline in self-reported sexual assault against juveniles, is consistent with a real decline in sexual abuse. Also, detailed data provided by four state CPS agencies offered little evidence that the decline was due either to more conservative judgment by CPS about the types of sexual abuse cases they would investigate or substantiate or to increasing reluctance by CPS to become involved in cases in which the perpetrator is not a primary caregiver. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/199298.pdf>

“Youth Exposure to Radio Advertising for Alcohol: United States, Summer 2003” A study by the Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth (CAMY) at Georgetown University finds that more than 25% of radio commercials for alcohol products air when underage youth comprised more than 30% of the listening audience. <http://camy.org/research/files/radio0104.pdf>

Resources

“Early Intervention Initiative” The Early Intervention Initiative harnesses the power of peers and parents to stop youth drug use. http://www.mediacampaign.org/early_intv/index.html

“Reentry National Media Outreach Campaign” Funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, this website provides resources that focus on the challenge of reintegrating men and women leaving prison annually and returning to their families and communities. <http://www.reentrymediaoutreach.org/>

Homeland Security Resources

“Strategic Plan for Safeguarding the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Against Terrorist and Related Threats” This document outlines threats confronting the Commonwealth and describes the concrete steps taken by Massachusetts since September 11, 2001 to enhance security and to protect the Commonwealth from Terrorism. http://www.state.ma.us/eops/publications/strategic_plan.pdf

“Protecting Emergency Responders: Lessons Learned from Terrorist Attacks” This report should help state and municipal officials, trade union leaders, industry executives, and researchers obtain a better understanding of equipment and training needs for protecting emergency workers. <http://www.rand.org/publications/CF/CF176/CF176.pdf>

“The National Strategy for the Physical Protection of Critical Infrastructure and Key Assets” This document identifies a clear set of goals and objectives and outlines the guiding principles that will underpin our efforts to secure the infrastructures and assets vital to our public health and safety, national security, governance, economy, and public confidence. http://www.whitehouse.gov/pcipb/physical_strategy.pdf

“National Strategy for Combating Terrorism” This strategy outlines the effort our nation is making to win the war against global terror. The strategy complements important elements of the National Security Strategy, as well as our National Strategies for: Homeland Security, to Combat Weapons of Mass Destruction, to Secure Cyberspace, for the Physical Protection of Critical Infrastructure and Key Assets, and the National Drug Control Strategy. <http://usinfo.state.gov/topical/pol/terror/strategy/>

“Secretary Ridge's Remarks at Harvard Business School's Leadership and Values Forum” February 11, 2004. <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=3156>

“Testimony by Secretary Tom Ridge on FY05 Budget Before the Senate Appropriations Committee” February 10, 2004. <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=3145>

“Protecting Against Agricultural Terrorism” February 2, 2004.
<http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=3117>

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